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SUBJECT: SURVIVORS OF YACHT "ITASCA"

1. CLAY AND JOE FITZGERALD OF MIAMI WERE BROUGHT TO BELIZE TODAY AFTER BEING PICKED UP FROM LIFE RAFT LOCATED NEAR SWAN ISLAND BY THE VESSEL "KIRK B" OF THE BUCCANEER LINES, LTD. COAST GUARD IS CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR TWO OTHER CREWMEN, TOMMY COSGROVE AND BUDDY DUNCAN ALSO FROM MIAMI WHO WERE ON A DIFFERENT LIFE RAFT.

2. ON APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 26 WHILE IN THE VICINITY OF CAY LOBO THE "ITASCA" WAS HAULED INTO SANTA CLARA PROVINCE, CUBA, BY CUBAN FISHERMEN AND NAVAL PATROLS AND FINED DOLS 1,800. THE "ITASCA" SANK 16 DAYS AGO AFTER BEING HOLED BY A LOG.

3. THE FITZGERALDS WILL RETURN TO MIAMI SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, VIA TAN AIRLINES. THEY HAVE NOTIFIED THEIR NOK.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TALK TO FITZGERALDS CONCERNING WHAT THEY OBSERVED IN CUBA.

5. FOR COAST GUARD. PLEASE INFORM CONGEN IF OTHER CREW MEMBERS ARE FOUND. WOLLAM

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